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## **Reaction to Cancellation of Contract to Curb Child Care Fraud** Rep. Vos Calls for a Renewed Commitment

**Madison...**Rep. Robin Vos (R-Rochester) is calling for renewed efforts to combat day-care fraud in the publicly-funded Wisconsin Shares program. After learning the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families cancelled a contract to implement a new attendance tracking measure, Rep. Vos is pledging today to work closely with the Walker Administration to find a new vendor that can deliver results.

“The changes that have been implemented in the Shares program are the results of 2 years of hard work along side my colleague Rep. Mark Honadel (R-South Milwaukee),” said Rep. Vos. “Through the budget process, we will make sure this new vendor is found and we will take every necessary step to stop the fraud in the Wisconsin Shares program.”

According to Rep. Vos, electronic attendance tracking is crucial in finally ending child care fraud. He pointed to numerous cases that were well-documented last year by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in an investigative report that showed rampant falsification of attendance records, leading to some childcare providers bilking the childcare subsidy program for millions.

While the administration indicates there have been implementation struggles with the former vendor, Rep. Vos says that is no reason to abandon the initiative.

“It took years to uncover the degree of fraud that was occurring in this program,” said Vos. “So it should not be surprising that finding solutions may also take time. I urge the Walker Administration to continue working toward a solution.”

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